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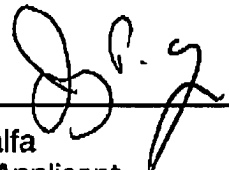
**REMARKS**

In response to a telephone conference between the Examiner and Applicant's attorney on December 17, 2004, Applicants have amended the independent claims.

Applicant believes the Claims as amended, are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable action by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

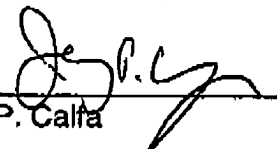
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